



UPCOUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Summary December 13, 2010

Meeting called to order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Joel Cockrell.

Introductions

Introductions of members and guests were made around the room.

Update from Upcounty Regional Services Center Staff

Catherine Matthews, Director, shared the following highlights:

- The County Executive's Budget Forum for the Upcounty area will be held on Monday, January 10, 2011, at 7:00 pm at the Upcounty Regional Services Center.
- The Germantown tree lighting ceremony was postponed due to inclement weather. Stay tuned for a rescheduled date.
- The Gaithersburg Library is now under renovation. A temporary site will be at Lakeforest Mall until the renovation is completed.

Update from the County Council

Dale Tibbitts from Councilmember Marc Elrich's office shared the following highlights:

- The 17th Council (and incoming new members) met on Tuesday, December 7th.
- Councilmember Elrich will introduce the Zoning Text Amendment to clarify that airstrips allowed in agricultural zones be associated with farming operations and provide an amortization period for certain approved airstrip special exceptions.
- Council comes back from recess on January 18, 2011.
- The new Council president and vice president are Valerie Ervin and Roger Berliner respectively.

Presentation: The Zoning ReWrite Project by MNCPPC Director Rollin Stanley and Planning Staff Pamela Dunn

Mr. Stanley and Ms. Dunn presented on the Zoning ReWrite Project to the Board. To know about the project, Mr. Stanley and Ms. Dunn invited the Board or any interested party to visit the project website at www.zoningmontgomery.org

Report from the Chairperson

Chairperson Joel Cockrell:

- asked the Board to review the various letters written to the Council and County Executive and be ready to vote on them when the Board meets on January 10, 2011 at 6:30 pm.
- The hospital recommendation could be announced soon.

Committee and Liaison Reports

Land Use and Preservation Committee – No report.

Quality of Life Committee – No report.

Airpark Liaison Committee – No report.

Upcounty Regional Recreation Advisory Board Liaison - No report.

Dickerson Facilities Implementation Group (DFIG) – No report.

Speed Cameras Advisory Committee– No report.

Shady Grove Implementation Advisory Committee (SGIAG) –

Permitting Services Advisory Committee –No report

Northern Region Recreation Advisory Board – No report

Smart Growth Initiative Implementation Group –No report

Community Comments

UCAB member Doug Noble shared that Santa will be visiting the various neighborhoods this holiday season. Santa will visit on weekdays at 6:30 pm in the evening.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Members present: Joel Cockrell, Bob Owolabi, Heinz Bachmann, Doug Noble, Juan Cardenes, Jim King, Brad Davies, Andrew Einsmann, Bob Thompson

Other Guests: Sharon Dooley (Upcounty Action)

Staff present: Catherine Matthews and Andrea Bush